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Prayers for the Sick,
Military Funeral Service
and Memorial Service

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FOREWORD

The Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities of the Jewish Welfare Board wishes to express its thanks to CHAPLAIN ARYEH LEV of the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Washington, D. C., who has prepared this pamphlet. It has been compiled tentatively as an aid to chaplains, civilian rabbis, and Jewish Welfare Board field representatives who may be called on to minister religiously to the sick, dying, and dead in our armed forces. It contains the following sections: Prayers for the Sick, a Military Funeral Service, and a Memorial Service for Those Fallen in Battle. The form of burial service follows military regulations. The Committee would appreciate receiving suggestions as to how to enhance the usefulness of this manual.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

PRAYERS BY A SICK PERSON

Psalm 23.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He guideth me in straight paths for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
For Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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Psalm 103.1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits;
Who forgiveth all thine iniquity;

Who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from the pit;
Who encompasseth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;
Who satisfieth thine old age with good things;
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle.

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אֵל מֶלֶךְ נֶאֱמָן:

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֵת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל־לְבָבְךָ
וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל־מְאֹדֶךָ: וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים
הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם עַל־לְבָבֶךָ:
וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבָנֶיךָ וְדִבַּרְתָּ בָּם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתֶךָ
וּבְלֶכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ וּבְשָׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמֶךָ: וּקְשַׁרְתָּם
לְאוֹת עַל־יָדֶךָ וְהָיוּ לְטֹטָפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ:
וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל מְזוּזוֹת בֵּיתֶךָ וּבִשְׁעָרֶיךָ:

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Deuteronomy 6.4-9

HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD,
THE LORD IS ONE.

Blessed be His name, whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates.

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A prayer of the afflicted, when he faints, and pours out his complaint before the Lord. O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come unto Thee. Hide not Thy face from me in the day of my distress; incline Thine ear unto me; in the day when I call answer me speedily. I beseech Thee, O Lord, healer of all flesh, have mercy upon me, and support me in Thy grace upon my bed of sick-

ness, for I am weak. Send relief and cure to me and to all who are sick among Thy children. Soothe my pain, and renew my youthful vigor. Grant wisdom unto the physician that he may cure me so that my health may be restored speedily. Hear my prayer, prolong my life, let me complete my years in happiness, that I may be enabled to serve Thee and keep Thy statutes with a perfect heart. Give me understanding to know that this bitter trial has come upon me for my welfare, so that I may not despise Thy discipline, nor weary of Thy reproof.

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O God of forgiveness, who art gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in loving-kindness, I confess unto Thee with a broken and contrite heart that I have sinned, and have done that which is evil in Thy sight. Behold, I repent of my evil way, and return unto Thee with perfect repentance. Help me, O God of my salvation, that I may not again turn unto folly, but may walk before Thee in truth and uprightness. Rejoice the soul of Thy servant, for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed, save me, and I shall be saved, for Thou art my praise. Amen, and Amen!

תְּפִלָּה לְעָנִי כִּי־יַעֲטֹף וְלִפְנֵי יְהוָה יִשְׁפֹּךְ
שִׂיחוֹ: יְהוָה שִׁמְעָה תְפִלָּתִי וְשַׁוְעָתִי אֵלֶיךָ
תָּבוֹא: אַל־תַּסְתֵּר פָּנֶיךָ מִמֶּנִּי בְּיוֹם צַר־לִי
הַטֵּה־אֵלַי אָזְנֶךָ בְּיוֹם אֶקְרָא מַהֵר עֲנֵנִי: אָנָּא
יְיָ רוֹפֵא כָל־בָּשָׂר. רַחֵם עָלַי וְסַעֲדֵנִי בְּחַסְדֶּךָ
הַגָּדוֹל עַל עֶרֶשׁ דְּוָי. כִּי אֻמְלָל אָנִי: שְׁלַח לִי
תְּרוּפָה וּתְעָלָה בְּתוֹךְ שְׁאָר חוֹלֵי עַמֶּךָ: רְפָא
אֶת־מַכְאֹבַי וְחַדֵּשׁ כַּנֶּשֶׁר נְעוּרָי: חֹן בִּינָה
לָרוֹפֵא וְיִגְהֶה מִמֶּנִּי מְזוֹרַי. וַאֲרוּכָתִי מְהֵרָה
תִּצְמַח: שְׁמַע תְּפִלָּתִי וְהוֹסֵף יָמִים עַל יָמַי
וַאֲבַלֶּה שְׁנוֹתַי בִּנְעִימִים. לְמַעַן אוּכַל לַעֲבוֹד
עֲבֹדָתֶךָ וְלִשְׁמוֹר פִּקּוּדֶיךָ בְּלֵב שָׁלֵם:
הַבִּינֵנִי וְאֵדְעָה כִּי לִשְׁלוֹמִי מַר־לִי מָר. וְאַל
אָמְאַס אֶת־מוּסָרֶךָ וּבְתוֹכַחְתְּךָ אַל־אָקוּץ:

אֱלוֹהַּ סְלִיחוֹת חַנּוּן וְרַחוּם אֶרֶךְ אַפַּיִם
וְרַב־חֶסֶד. מוֹדֶה אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךָ בְּלֵב נִשְׁבָּר
וְנִדְכֶּה כִּי חָטָאתִי וְהָרַע בְּעֵינֶיךָ עָשִׂיתִי: הִנֵּה
נִחַמְתִּי עַל רָעָתִי. וְאָשׁוּב בִּתְשׁוּבָה שְׁלֵמָה
לְפָנֶיךָ: עָזְרֵנִי אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׁעִי. וְלֹא אָשׁוּב
לְכִסְלָה וְאֶתְהַלֵּךְ לְפָנֶיךָ בֶּאֱמֶת וּבְתָמִים:
שַׂמַּח נֶפֶשׁ עַבְדֶּךָ. כִּי־אֵלֶיךָ יְיָ נַפְשִׁי אֶשָּׂא:
רָפְאֵנִי יְיָ וְאֵרָפֵא הוֹשִׁיעֵנִי וְאִוָּשֵׁעָה. כִּי
תְהִלָּתִי אַתָּה. אָמֵן וְאָמֵן:

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O God, I am sorely stricken; but in my pain let me not forget Thee. Thou art long-suffering and patient; and in Thy great mercy Thou wilt forgive the murmuring lips and the weary soul. Give me the understanding to know that this bitter trial has come upon me for my good, that I may not despise Thy chastening.

In all humility I lay bare my soul before Thee and ask Thy pardon for my shortcomings. A broken and contrite heart Thou wilt not despise.

May it be Thy will to aid those who would bring me to a speedy recovery. I thank Thee for all the dear ones whose sympathy and care have eased my suffering. Mayest Thou answer the prayers of our hearts. Heal me, that I may again praise Thy name in the congregation of Israel.

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Gracious God! In my affliction, when my heart fails within me, I pour out my plaint before Thee. Hear Thou my petition. Hide not Thy face from me in the hour of my distress. Healer of all flesh, have mercy upon me and in Thy grace support me upon

my bed of sickness. Send me and all the sick among Thy children relief and cure. Relieve my pain and restore my strength. Vouchsafe wisdom unto the physician, that he may minister unto me as Thy messenger. I beseech Thee, O my God, prolong my life. Let me complete my years in happiness. Permit me to return to my dear ones and to my tasks, and give me strength and wisdom to serve Thee with a perfect heart. Heal me and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved, for Thou art my praise. Amen.

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PRAYERS SAID FOR THE SICK

O God, Healer of the sick, unto Thee I humbly direct my petition. Not because of any righteousness or merit in myself, but because of Thine abundant mercy, I offer unto Thee my supplications.

My soul is in anguish because of the illness of my dear .....; and in this hour of fear and anxiety my heart turns unto Thee.

May it be Thy will to grant a speedy recovery. O Father of life, I pray Thee, grant renewed strength and length of days.

Bless the endeavors of all who bring help unto the sick. Strengthen me that I may bring cheer and comfort unto the suffering one.

Do Thou, O gracious God, enable me to bear patiently the decrees of Thy providence. Arouse me from despondency. Help me to know that Thy thoughts are not our thoughts and Thy ways are not our ways. Amen.

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Most merciful God, from Whom alone is health and strength and every blessing, I

most humbly entreat Thee in behalf of Thy servant ..... in this hour of distress. Forsake him not, I beseech Thee, but bless every effort that may be made for his recovery. Without Thee we can do nothing. Help us all, therefore, in our hour of helplessness and may it please Thee, O God, to restore this Thy servant and grant to him many more years of life. But above all keep him ever by Thy side in true faith that whatever may befall, he may be Thine. Lord, have mercy upon him, support, cheer, and bless him, now and evermore. Amen.

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy 33:27.

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Upon departure from a sick man:

הַמָּקוֹם יְרַחֵם עָלֶיךָ וְיִשְׁלַח לְךָ רְפוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה בְּתוֹךְ כָּל־חוֹלֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

May God have mercy upon thee and send thee together with all the sick a perfect cure.

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PRAYER SAID BY THE SICK ON RECOVERY

O my God, Father of mercy, I thank Thee for the healing which Thy loving-kindness has wrought for me. In Thy mercy Thou hast raised me from a bed of sickness. When I was racked with pain, when my strength was spent and my very soul within me trembled, Thou didst not forsake me. Thou hast saved me, keeping me in the land of the living, restoring me to health and the sweet companionship of my beloved ones.

With great rejoicing, therefore, and with all my soul, I bring to Thee the offering of my thanksgiving. Help me so to use my renewed strength, that I may be of service to Thee by being a blessing to my fellowmen. Amen.

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PRAYERS AT DEATH BED

וִדּוּי שֶׁכִּיב מֵרַע

מוֹדֶה אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהַי וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתַי שֶׁרְפוּאָתִי וּמִיתָתִי בְּיָדֶךָ: יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ שֶׁתִּרְפָּאֵנִי רְפוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה. וְאִם הַמָּוֶת כָּלָה וְנֶחֱרַץ מֵעִמְּךָ אָקְחֵנוּ מִיָּדְךָ בְּאַהֲבָה. וּתְהִי מִיתָתִי כַּפָּרָה עַל כָּל־חַטָּאִים וַעֲוֹנוֹת וּפְשָׁעִים שֶׁחָטָאתִי וְשֶׁעָוִיתִי וְשֶׁפָּשַׁעְתִּי לְפָנֶיךָ. וְתַשְׁפִּיעַ לִי מֵרֹב טוּב הַצָּפוּן לַצַּדִּיקִים וְתוֹדִיעֵנִי אֹרַח חַיִּים שִׂבַע שְׂמָחוֹת אֶת פָּנֶיךָ נְעִמוֹת בִּימִינְךָ נֶצַח:

אֲבִי יְתוֹמִים וְדַיַּן אַלְמָנוֹת. הָגֵן בְּעַד קְרוֹבֵי הַיְקָרִים אֲשֶׁר נַפְשִׁי קְשׁוּרָה בְּנַפְשָׁם:

בְּיָדְךָ אַפְקִיד רוּחִי פָּדִיתָ אוֹתִי יְיָ אֵל אֱמֶת.

אָמֵן וְאָמֵן:

O Lord, my God and God of my fathers, Thou who art the Creator of life, and in whose hands are the spirits of all flesh, humbly and trustingly do I turn to Thee with my prayer. My life and my death are in Thy hands. I would pray Thee for life and for healing in this moment of my affliction and pain. But if in Thy wisdom the span of my life here is now come to an end, resignedly do I accept Thy decree. I would approach Thee, O heavenly Father, with clean hands and pure heart. Yet I feel weighed down by sins against Thee and against my fellow-men. I know my helplessness to redeem these transgressions. I can only confess my guilt and trust in Thy bountiful mercy that forgiveth the sinner.

Fervently do I pray and sincerely do I trust that Thou wilt show me the path of life so that cleansed through Thee, my soul may enter life everlasting.

Thou who art the Father of the fatherless and the Protector of the helpless, watch over my loved ones. Into Thy hand I commit my

spirit, mayest Thou redeem it, O God of mercy and truth.

As the end approaches the Rabbi shall say with the dying, or for him if he cannot speak:

יְיָ מֶלֶךְ. יְיָ מָלָךְ. יְיָ יִמְלוֹךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

The Lord reigneth; The Lord hath reigned; The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

(Said three times)

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

Blessed be His name Whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.

(Said three times)

יְיָ הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים. יְיָ הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים:

The Lord He is God, the Lord He is God.

(Said seven times)

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְיָ אֶחָד:

"Hear, O Israel: the Lord, our God, the Lord is one."

After death:

בָּרוּךְ דַּיַּן הָאֱמֶת:

Blessed be the Judge of truth.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS AND PSALMS

A MILITARY FUNERAL SERVICE

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The regulations covering military funerals can be found in the Basic Field Manual, FM 22-5, which deals with infantry drill regulations, and can also be found in TM 16-205. The following is not an attempt to outline the regulations, but rather a suggested order of service to be used by the chaplains of the Jewish faith or rabbis who are called in from civilian life to participate in military funerals for men of the Jewish faith. The service itself may, of course, be changed according to the traditions or wishes of the individual minister. However, great care should be taken in fulfilling the military customs and courtesies which make for the dignity of a military funeral. Unless the emergency of combat or wartime conditions make it inevitable, a funeral of a Jewish soldier should not be held on the Sabbath nor on one of the major religious festivals or holy days.

In general, military funerals are divided into three classes, as follows:

1. With chapel service, followed by march to the grave, with the prescribed escort;
2. Without chapel service but with funeral procession forming at the entrance to the cemetery or at a point within a reasonable marching distance therefrom;
3. With graveside service only.

A full military funeral normally consists of the following:

1. Band;
2. Escort appropriate to the grade of the deceased, including firing party and bugler (AR 600-30);
3. Colors;
4. Clergy;
5. Caisson and casket bearers;
6. Caparisoned horse (if the deceased was mounted);
7. Honorary pall bearers.

Prior to the beginning of the service, the funeral escort is formed in line opposite and facing the chapel, the band on the flank toward which it is to march.

Members of the immediate family, relatives and friends of the deceased will be requested to enter the chapel and be seated before the casket is taken in. Members of the immediate family and relatives should occupy front seats on the right of the chapel.

The conveyance bearing the remains to the chapel should arrive in front of the chapel a few moments before the time set for the chapel service. When all is in readiness to move the casket into the chapel, the commander of the escort will bring the escort to attention and at the command, "arms," the band plays an appropriate "air." The casket is removed from the conveyance by the casket bearers and carried

between the ranks of honorary pall bearers, if present, into the chapel. When the casket has been carried into the chapel, the band ceases playing.

The chaplain or visiting rabbi stands at the head of the casket and marches down the aisle reading the following Psalm 121 or a substitute for it:

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains:
From whence shall my help come?
My help cometh from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved;
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, He that keepeth Israel
Doth neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper;
The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall keep thee from all evil;
He shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall guard thy going out and thy coming in,
From this time forth and for ever.

The chaplain walks slowly to the pulpit, mounts the pulpit and from there conducts his regular service, while the casket remains in front of the chancel.

The following is a suggested service:

יְיָ מָה־אָדָם וַתֵּדָעֵהוּ בֶּן אֱנוֹשׁ וַתְּחַשְּׁבֵהוּ:
אָדָם לַהֶבֶל דָּמָה יָמָיו כְּצֵל עוֹבֵר: בַּבֹּקֶר
יָצִיץ וְחָלָף לָעֶרֶב יְמוֹלֵל וְיָבֵשׁ: לִמְנוֹת יָמֵינוּ
כֵּן הוֹדַע וְנָבֵא לְבַב חָכְמָה: שְׁמָר־תָּם וּרְאֵה
יָשָׁר כִּי אַחֲרִית לְאִישׁ שָׁלוֹם: אַךְ־אֱלֹהִים
יִפְדֶּה־נַפְשִׁי מִיַּד שְׁאוֹל כִּי יִקָּחֵנִי סֶלָה: כִּלָּה
שְׁאֵרִי וּלְבָבִי צוּר לְבָבִי וְחֶלְקִי אֱלֹהִים
לְעוֹלָם: וְיָשֹׁב הֶעָפָר עַל־הָאָרֶץ כְּשֶׁהָיָה
וְהָרוּחַ תָּשׁוּב אֶל הָאֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר נְתָנָהּ: אֲנִי
בְּצֶדֶק אֶחֱזֶה פָּנֶיךָ אֶשְׂבְּעָה בְהָקִיץ תְּמוּנָתֶךָ:

O Lord, what is man that Thou art mindful of him and the son of men that Thou takest account of him? What are we? Do we not all seem as vanity, as a shadow that passeth away? In the morning we flourish and grow up, in the evening we are cut down and withered. Thou turnest all man to contrition and sayest unto us: Return ye children of men! O, that we had wisdom and understanding and realized that when we die we take nothing with us; we do leave much behind. Mark the perfect and behold the upright for theirs is the way of peace. Thou, O Lord, redeemest the souls of Thy children and none who serve Thee and love their fellowmen will be forsaken.

O Lord, help us to find in these ancient yet ever new sentiments, the realization that through our tears we can reach to truth, through the darkness of our sorrow venture toward the light of hope, and through our anguish attain to the great adventure of perfect faith in Thee and Thy wisdom. Love is stronger than death. Though we surrender dust unto dust, through the majesty and might of our love, life will abide with life.

Take unto Thyself our comrade who has given of his love to this our great country.

And let the words of our mouths express the meditations of our hearts:

יְיָ נָתַן וַיְיָ לָקָח יְהִי שֵׁם יְיָ מְבֹרָךְ׃

The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

ADDRESS

The military funeral must be brief and dignified. The address should be in keeping with the character of the deceased. The aim should be not to wring hearts or elicit anguish, but to give comfort to the family whenever present, to leave a message of immortality, to give a sense of solace and beauty to the comrades who are in attendance, to utter no sentiment that would encourage a "rebellious" mood. In keeping with the Talmudic injunction, we must bear in mind that when the dead lies before us, it is not fitting to engage in philosophical dissertations on death. A poetic or allegoric assurance would be much more in keeping with the needs of the occasion.

Suggested Prayer:

Our God and God of our fathers, may the simple words we have spoken, words coming from our hearts and the heart of the ages, prompt us to acknowledge that Thou are a righteous judge. Guard and guide our loved one and in Thy sheltering presence, grant him everlasting Peace and Life!

O God, full of compassion, Thou who dwellest on high! Beneath the sheltering wings of Thy presence, among the holy and pure who shine as the brightness of the firmament, grant perfect rest unto the soul of ....., who has gone unto eternity. Lord of mercy, bring him under the cover of Thy wings, and let his soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life. Be Thou his inheritance, and may his repose be peace. Amen.

RECESSIONAL

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד יְהוָה רֹעִי לֹא אֶחְסָר׃

בִּנְאוֹת דֶּשֶׁא יַרְבִּיצֵנִי עַל־מֵי מְנֻחוֹת יְנַהֲלֵנִי׃

נַפְשִׁי יְשׁוֹבֵב יַנְחֵנִי בְמַעְגְּלֵי־צֶדֶק לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ׃

גַּם כִּי־אֵלֵךְ בְּגֵיא צַלְמָוֶת לֹא־אִירָא רָע כִּי־

אַתָּה עִמָּדִי שִׁבְטְךָ וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּךָ הֵמָּה יְנַחֲמֻנִי׃

תַּעֲרֹךְ לְפָנַי שֻׁלְחָן נֶגֶד צֹרְרָי דִּשַּׁנְתָּ בַשֶּׁמֶן

רֹאשִׁי כוֹסִי רְוָיָה׃

אַךְ טוֹב וָחֶסֶד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל־יְמֵי חַיָּי וְשַׁבְתִּי
בְּבֵית יְהוָה לְאֹרֶךְ יָמִים׃

Psalm 23.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He guideth me in straight paths for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
For Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies,
Thou has anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Upon completion of the chapel service, the honorary pall bearers will follow the chaplain or visiting rabbi, stand in front of the casket and precede it on its way out. The casket bearers and the family group follow immediately after.

As soon as the honorary pall bearers have taken their positions, casket bearers will carry the casket to the caisson. While this is being done, the band begins playing a tune appropriate to the Jewish faith and ceases when the casket has been secured to the caisson. The family group remains at the chapel entrance until the completion of the securing of the casket to the caisson and is then conducted to their conveyances.

A procession is then formed in the following order:

1. Band,—Suggested Music: "The Dead March in Saul" or Grieg's "Asa's Tod"; or Chopin's "Funeral March."
2. Escort;
3. Clergy (colors, if present);
4. Caisson and honorary pall bearers walking;
5. Casket bearers;
6. Caparisoned horse, (if the deceased was mounted);
7. Honorary pall bearers, if riding in cars;
8. The family;
9. Patriotic or fraternal organizations;
10. Friends.

As the procession approaches the grave, marching elements march directly to positions previously determined. The band and military escort will be formed in line facing the grave; other marching elements being placed as near as practicable to the grave. The firing party will be so placed that it will not fire directly over the mourners. As soon as the caisson is halted, honorary pall bearers will be formed in two ranks,

each facing the other, extending from the caisson toward the grave, with sufficient distance between ranks to permit passage of the casket.

The casket bearers will remove the casket from the caisson and, with the rabbi or chaplain preceding it reading the following selections from Psalm 91, will bear it between lines of the honorary pall bearers to the grave and place the casket on the lowering device.

"O thou that dwellest in the covert of the Most High.
And abidest in the shadow of the Almighty;
I will say of the Lord, who is my refuge and my fortress,
My God, in whom I trust,
That He will cover thee with His pinions,
And under His wings shalt thou take refuge;
His truth is a shield and a buckler.
Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night,
Nor of the arrow that flieth by day;
Of the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
Nor of the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.
For He will give His angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
'Because He hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him;

I will set him on high, because he hath known My name.
He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him, and bring him to honor.
With long life will I satisfy him,
And make him to behold My salvation.'"

Immediate mourners rend their garments while reciting the blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם דַּיַּן הָאֱמֶת:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, the true Judge.

The chaplain or rabbi now stands at the head of the grave with the family group standing on the side and reads the following suggested service:

O Lord, we know that Thou art a tower of righteousness and strength and that whatsoever Thou dost send us is ours to accept in surrender and faith. Though we cannot comprehend all Thy ways, help us to understand that the death of our comrade .... is indeed an entrance into a

newer and holier life in Thy presence. May he abide before Thee in purity and holiness, and may the remembrance of him remain among us as an inspiration and incentive to deeds by which we who call ourselves the living will honor him whom we call the dead.

Thou art the Rock of the ages. Send us Thy comfort and Thy strength, now and evermore!

The casket is now lowered to grave level. In the traditional service the casket is lowered to the bottom and the grave is filled.

(On those days on which supplications are traditionally not said, Psalm 16 is read.)

צַדִּיק הַדִּין

הַצּוּר תָּמִים פָּעֳלוֹ. כִּי כָל־דְּרָכָיו מִשְׁפָּט:
אֵל אֱמוּנָה וְאֵין עָוֶל. צַדִּיק וְיָשָׁר הוּא: הַצּוּר
תָּמִים בְּכָל־פְּעַל. מִי־יֹאמַר לוֹ מַה־תִּפְעַל.
הַשֹּׁלִיט בְּמַטָּה וּבְמַעַל. מֵמִית וּמְחַיֶּה. מוֹרִיד
שְׁאוֹל וַיַּעַל: הַצּוּר תָּמִים בְּכָל־מַעֲשֶׂה. מִי־

יאמַר אֵלָיו מַה־תַּעֲשֶׂה. הָאֹמַר וְעֹשֶׂה. חֶסֶד
חִנָּם לָנוּ תַּעֲשֶׂה. וּבְזְכוּת הַנֶּעֱקָד כַּשֶּׂה.
הַקְשִׁיבָה וַעֲשֵׂה: צַדִּיק בְּכָל־דְּרָכָיו. הַצּוּר
תָּמִים. אֶרֶךְ אַפַּיִם וּמָלֵא רַחֲמִים. חֲמוֹל־נָא
וְחוֹס־נָא עַל אָבוֹת וּבָנִים. כִּי לְךָ אֲדוֹן
הַסְּלִיחוֹת וְהָרַחֲמִים: צַדִּיק אַתָּה יְיָ לְהָמִית
וּלְהַחֲיוֹת. אֲשֶׁר בְּיָדְךָ פִּקְדוֹן כָּל־רוּחוֹת.
חָלִילָה לְךָ זְכָרוֹנֵנוּ לִמְחוֹת. וְיִהְיוּ־נָא עֵינֶיךָ
בְּרַחֲמִים עָלֵינוּ פְּקוּחוֹת. כִּי לְךָ אֲדוֹן
הָרַחֲמִים וְהַסְּלִיחוֹת: אָדָם אִם בֶּן־שָׁנָה יִהְיֶה.
אוֹ אֶלֶף שָׁנִים יִחְיֶה. מַה־יִּתְרוֹן לוֹ כְּלֹא־הָיָה
יִהְיֶה. בָּרוּךְ דַּיַּן הָאֱמֶת מֵמִית וּמְחַיֶּה: בָּרוּךְ
הוּא כִּי אֱמֶת דִּינוֹ. וּמְשׁוֹטֵט הַכֹּל בְּעֵינוֹ.

וּמְשַׁלֵּם לָאָדָם חֶשְׁבּוֹנוֹ וְדִינוֹ. וְהַכֹּל לִשְׁמוֹ
הוֹדָיָה יִתֵּנוּ: יְדַעֲנוּ יְיָ כִּי צֶדֶק מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ.
תְּצַדֵּק בְּדָבָרְךָ וְתִזְכֶּה בְּשָׁפְטֶךָ. וְאֵין
לְהַרְהֵר אַחַר מִדַּת שָׁפְטֶךָ. צַדִּיק אַתָּה יְיָ
וְיָשָׁר מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ: דַּיִן אֱמֶת. שׁוֹפֵט צֶדֶק וֶאֱמֶת.
בָּרוּךְ דַּיַּן הָאֱמֶת. שֶׁכָּל־מִשְׁפָּטָיו צֶדֶק וֶאֱמֶת:
נֶפֶשׁ כָּל־חַי בְּיָדֶךָ. צֶדֶק מְלֵאָה יְמִינְךָ וְיָדֶךָ.
רַחֵם עַל־פְּלֵיטַת צֹאן יָדֶךָ. וְתֹאמַר לַמַּלְאָךְ
הֶרֶף יָדֶךָ: גְּדוֹל הָעֵצָה. וְרַב הָעֲלִילְיָה.
אֲשֶׁר עֵינֶיךָ פְּקֻחוֹת עַל כָּל־דַּרְכֵי בְנֵי אָדָם.
לָתֵת לָאִישׁ כִּדְרָכָיו וְכִפְרִי מַעֲלָלָיו: לְהַגִּיד
כִּי־יָשָׁר יְיָ. צוּרִי וְלֹא־עַוְלָתָה בּוֹ: יְיָ נָתַן. וַיְיָ
לָקַח. יְהִי שֵׁם יְיָ מְבֹרָךְ: וְהוּא רַחוּם יְכַפֵּר

עָוֹן וְלֹא יַשְׁחִית. וְהִרְבָּה לְהָשִׁיב אַפּוֹ. וְלֹא
יָעִיר כָּל־חֲמָתוֹ:

מִכְתָּם לְדָוִד

מִכְתָּם לְדָוִד. שָׁמְרֵנִי אֵל כִּי־חָסִיתִי בָךְ:
אָמַרְתְּ לַיְיָ אֲדֹנָי אָתָּה. טוֹבָתִי בַּל־עָלֶיךָ:
לִקְדוֹשִׁים אֲשֶׁר־בָּאָרֶץ הֵמָּה. וְאַדִּירֵי כָּל־
חֶפְצִי־בָם: יִרְבּוּ עַצְּבוֹתָם אַחֵר מָהָרוּ. בַּל־
אַסִּיךְ נְסָכֵיהֶם מִדָּם. וּבַל־אֶשָּׂא אֶת־שְׁמוֹתָם
עַל־שְׂפָתָי: יְיָ מְנָת־חֶלְקִי וְכוֹסִי. אַתָּה תּוֹמִיךְ
גּוֹרָלִי: חֲבָלִים נָפְלוּ־לִי בַּנְּעִימִים. אַף־נַחֲלָת
שָׁפְרָה עָלָי: אֲבָרֵךְ אֶת־יְיָ אֲשֶׁר יְעָצָנִי. אַף־
לֵילוֹת יִסְּרוּנִי כִלְיוֹתָי: שִׁוִּיתִי יְיָ לְנֶגְדִּי תָמִיד.
כִּי מִימִינִי בַּל־אֶמּוֹט: לָכֵן שָׂמַח לִבִּי וַיָּגֶל

כְּבוֹדִי. אַף־בְּשָׂרִי יִשְׁכֹּן לָבֶטַח: כִּי לֹא־תַעֲזֹב
נַפְשִׁי לִשְׁאוֹל. לֹא־תִתֵּן חֲסִידְךָ לִרְאוֹת שָׁחַת:
תּוֹדִיעֵנִי אֹרַח חַיִּים. שִׂבַע שְׂמָחוֹת אֶת־פָּנֶיךָ.
נְעִמוֹת בִּימִינְךָ נֶצַח:

The dust returns unto the earth as it was but the spirit unto God who gave it. We have reached now the sacred and solemn moment of parting from the visible presence of our loved one. With reverent hands and sorrowing hearts we have brought to this resting place only the frail tenement of clay. This was the abode of the spirit and the spirit, through the dispensation of God and His benediction, is permitted to abide with us. Life ever remains with life. Let us, even in our grief, find light in our faith in God and realize that He who is just and wise and merciful grants unto us the promise of life everlasting. Thus comforted, thus fortified, let us repeat the words of sanctification and praise unto the Eternal, the Creator of life.

MOURNER'S KADDISH

Mourner. יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.
בְּעָלְמָא דִּי־בְרָא כִרְעוּתֵהּ. וְיַמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵהּ
בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דִּי־כָל־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
בַּעֲגָלָא וּבִזְמַן קָרִיב. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Cong. and Mourner. יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ
לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

Mourner. יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאַר וְיִתְרוֹמַם
וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדַּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דִּי־
קֻדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הוּא. לְעֵלָּא מִן־כָּל־בִּרְכָתָא
וְשִׁירָתָא תֻּשְׁבְּחָתָא וְנֶחֱמָתָא דַּי־אֲמִירָן
בְּעָלְמָא. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Cong. יְהֵי שְׁם יְיָ מְבֹרָךְ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם:

Mourner. יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן־שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עֶזְרִי מֵעִם יְיָ עֹשֵׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ: Cong.

עֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה Mourner.

שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

The chaplain or rabbi reads:

To the departed whom we now remember, may peace and bliss be granted in life eternal. May he find grace and mercy before the Lord of heaven and earth. May his soul rejoice in that ineffable good which God has laid up for those who fear Him, and may their memory be a blessing unto those who treasure it.

May the Father of peace send peace to all who mourn, and comfort to all the bereaved among us. Amen.

אֵל מָלֵא רַחֲמִים שׁוֹכֵן בַּמְּרוֹמִים. הַמְצֵא

מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה תַּחַת כַּנְפֵי הַשְּׁכִינָה. בְּמַעֲלוֹת

קְדוֹשִׁים וּטְהוֹרִים כְּזֹהַר הָרָקִיעַ מַזְהִירִים.

אֶת נִשְׁמַת ..... שֶׁהָלַךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ. בַּעֲבוּר

שֶׁ..... נָדַר צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְכָּרַת נִשְׁמָתוֹ. בְּגַן עֵדֶן תְּהֵא מְנוּחָתוֹ. לָכֵן בַּעַל הָרַחֲמִים יַסְתִּירֵהוּ בְּסֵתֶר כְּנָפָיו לְעוֹלָמִים. וְיִצְרוֹר בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נִשְׁמָתוֹ. יְיָ הוּא נַחֲלָתוֹ. וְיָנוּחַ בְּשָׁלוֹם עַל מִשְׁכָּבוֹ. וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן:

During the reading of this service, the casket has been resting upon the lowering device and the casket bearers have been holding the flag which was raised from the casket waist high in a horizontal position. At the conclusion of the service, the chaplain or the rabbi will move two steps to the side or rear. The commander calls the escort to resume "attention" and will cause the firing party to fire three volleys and remain in position until the conclusion of taps. The flag is then folded as prescribed in Army Regulations, care being taken that it does not touch the ground. It is then handed to the superintendent of the cemetery, or his representative, for disposition in accordance with Army Regulations. When proper arrangements are made in advance, the flag is given to the nearest of kin.

This concludes the military service. The chaplain or rabbi asks the honorary pall bearers,

distant relations and friends to form two lines. The immediate family walks between these two lines back to their conveyances while the chaplain says:

הַמָּקוֹם יְנַחֵם אוֹתְךָ (אֶתְכֶם) בְּתוֹךְ שְׁאָר
אֲבֵלֵי צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלָיִם.

May the Lord comfort you among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Then they ride back to their destination.

The question of the uncovering of the head should not be a source of difficulty when the services are conducted. For one who is accustomed to the reform traditions, no problem arises. But where the deceased has been accustomed to the conservative or orthodox ritual, hats should be worn throughout the entire service with the exception of the occasion when the colors pass by; at which time the head should be uncovered and the hat placed over the heart.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS AND PSALMS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

PSALM SELECTIONS

Lord, what is man that Thou takest knowledge of him
And the son of man that Thou takest account of him?
Man is like unto a vanity;
His days are as a shadow that passeth away.
In the morning he flourisheth and groweth up;
In the evening he is cut down and withereth.
Thou turnest man unto contrition and sayest:
"Return ye children of men!"
O that they were wise,
That they would consider their latter end.
For when man dieth, he shall carry nothing away;
His glory shall not descend after him.
Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright;
For the end of that man is peace.
The Lord redeemeth the souls of His servants
And none of them that trust in Him shall be forsaken.

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

The purpose of this hour is not to depress us with the sorrows and tragedies of life, nor to leave us with the feeling of life's futility and despair. Thou, O Lord, who art our strength and security hast taught us that life has meaning and purpose.

Thou hast made man as the Psalmist declares, "but a little lower than the angels, and Thou hast crowned him with glory and honor." Man is like unto a breath and yet he is as the angels. Physically considered he is from the dust; spiritually, he can approximate Divinity. Man has pre-eminence over heavens above, the earth beneath, and the seas under the earth. The mountains are tunnelled, the waters spanned, the elements of nature harnessed and controlled. Through his initiative and creative mind, space has been annihilated, and time conserved, disease prevented, comforts increased, and life itself prolonged. Man can remember and record his experiences so that future generations may learn from the accomplishments and errors of the past. Man possesses a heart capable of transforming this vale of tears into a world of peace and security.

The poet may perish, but his lofty sentiments remain; the philosopher dies, but his profound thoughts are transmitted to posterity; the composer departs this world, but his inspiring music continues to charm untold millions. Though the body of the Jew was tortured and broken, his spirit was unfettered. His indomitable faith in God, his exemplary home and family life, his quenchless thirst for knowledge, his vision of a Zion restored, his passion for justice and righteousness, are indestructible and abiding. Physically we perish and return to dust. Our homes, our sky-scrapers and fortresses will some day crumble to earth, but man's kindness and ideals are eternal. The memories of a mother's unselfish devotion, of a father's encouragement, of a child's purity and cheerfulness, are a comfort and a spur to noble living.

When in tribute to our departed, we expose and conquer sham, hypocrisy, bigotry, and falsehood, when we loose the bands of wickedness, let the oppressed go free, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and brighten the lives of those in distress, when we contribute to the enrichment of literature and music, religion and art, education and science, when we labor for harmony, for

justice and peace, we become like the angels, we are immortal like God. Physically we are dust, like unto a breath, but intellectually, morally, and spiritually we can reach the celestial heights of the Divine.

Our God and God of our fathers, Thou who art the life of our soul, art also the life of the souls of our departed. Grant that their memories influence for good our careers and direct our thoughts away from the perishable and ephemeral toward what is eternal and abiding. Teach us to emulate their trust in Thee, their integrity and self respect. Teach us to emulate their idealism, reverence, sincerity and devotion to their beloved country. Teach us to live wisely and unselfishly, abundantly, fruitfully and courageously, with truth and understanding.

MEMORIAL ROLL CALL

We memorialize today the names of:

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תְּפִלָּה לְחַלְלֵי מִלְחָמָה

אֵל מָלֵא רַחֲמִים שׁוֹכֵן בַּמְּרוֹמִים. הַמְצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה תַּחַת כַּנְפֵי הַשְּׁכִינָה. בְּמַעֲלוֹת קְדוֹשִׁים וּטְהוֹרִים. כְּזוֹהַר הָרָקִיעַ מַזְהִירִים. אֶת נִשְׁמוֹת אַחֵינוּ אַנְשֵׁי הַחַיִל אֲשֶׁר הֶעֱרוּ לַמָּוֶת נַפְשָׁם בְּעַד אַרְצָם: אָנָּא בַּעַל הָרַחֲמִים הַסְתִּירֵם בְּסֵתֶר כְּנָפֶיךָ לְעוֹלָמִים. וּצְרוֹר בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נִשְׁמָתָם עִם נִשְׁמוֹת הַצַּדִּיקִים הָעוֹמְדִים לְפָנֶיךָ:

וְהָיָה מַעֲשֵׂה הַצְּדָקָה שָׁלוֹם וַעֲבֹדַת הַצְּדָקָה הַשְׁקֵט וָבֶטַח עַד עוֹלָם. לֹא יִשָּׂא גוֹי אֶל גוֹי חֶרֶב וְלֹא יִלְמְדוּ עוֹד מִלְחָמָה. וְנִגְלָה כְּבוֹד יְיָ וְרָאוּ כָּל־בָּשָׂר יַחְדָּו. אָמֵן:

MEMORIAL PRAYER FOR THOSE FALLEN IN BATTLE

O God, who art full of compassion, who dwellest on high, to all who have bravely laid down their lives for their country grant perfect rest beneath the shelter of Thy divine presence, in the exalted spheres among the holy and pure who shine as the brightness of the firmament. We beseech Thee, Lord of compassion, shelter them for ever more under the cover of Thy wings, and let their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life, with the souls of the righteous who are ever with Thee.

And the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and confidence for ever. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. Amen.

SERMON

CONCLUDING SERVICE

Let us adore the ever-living God, and render praise unto Him who spread out the heavens and established the earth, whose glory is revealed in the heavens above and whose greatness is manifest throughout the world. He is our God; there is none else.

We bow the head and bend the knee and magnify the King of kings, the Holy One, praised be He.

CHAPLAIN:

May the time not be distant, O God, when Thy name shall be worshiped in all the earth, when unbelief shall disappear and error be no more. We fervently pray that the day may come when all men shall give way to purity and goodness, when superstition shall no longer enslave the mind, nor idolatry blind the eye, when all inhabitants of the earth shall know that to Thee alone every knee must bend and every tongue give homage. O may all, created in Thine image, recognize that they are brethren, so that, one in spirit and one in fellowship, they may be for ever united before Thee. Then

shall Thy kingdom be established on earth and the word of Thine ancient seer be fulfilled: The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

CONGREGATION:

On that day the Lord shall be One and His name shall be One.

CHAPLAIN:

We remember, O God, that we are only pilgrims upon this earth, that it is our duty to walk in Thy ways, to do what is good in Thy sight, and to keep our souls pure from sin, so that when Thou callest us hence, we may enjoy the reward which Thou hast prepared for those who have earnestly striven to live in accordance with Thy will. To Thee we look for comfort and strength when one of our beloved is taken from us, and a link is broken in the chain of love which binds us together in family union. And when our time comes to walk into the valley of the shadow of death, we shall fear no evil, for Thou art with us in death as in life, here and hereafter. Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, in all Thy dispensations, and hallowed be Thy name, whatsoever Thou sendest us.

MOURNER'S KADDISH

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CHAPLAIN:

To the departed whom we now remember, may peace and bliss be granted in life eternal. May they find grace and mercy before the Lord of heaven and earth. May their souls rejoice in that ineffable good which God has laid up for those who fear Him, and may their memory be a blessing unto those who treasure it.

May the Father of peace send peace to all who mourn, and comfort all the bereaved among us. Amen.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OR PSALMS

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
There the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,

In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream.
'Tis the star-spangled banner!—oh long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Oh, thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and wild war's desolation;
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!